

# Gang Prevention Community Task Force

**Original Date – January, 2008**

**Update and Adopted – October 13, 2010**

## **A. Mission/Goals:**

1. Increase adult/youth/family participation in positive activities & supports (decreasing participation in gang or crew related activities);
2. Decrease gang and crew crime and incidents;
3. Increase school attendance, graduation rates, and meaningful work experiences for youth and adults (employment, workforce preparation/placement, life skills)

## **B. Successes – a history of what has been accomplished and/or shall remain in force and be monitored:**

1. Direct Outreach/Intervention of At-Risk and/or Gang Involved Youth/Families, including tattoo removal – **through IPE program.**
2. Professional and Community Education, Involvement and Provision of Resources (presentations, websites, 703-GET-HELP resource line, Public Service Announcements) **Community education is continuous throughout the year.**
3. Mentoring Partnership established 2006 – Expansion with ACPS, etc. In place since 06 – Coordinator hired in 09.
4. Graffiti Removal and Other Criminal Reporting Protocol **Phone/online reporting leading to removal.**
5. Promotion of positive programs and activities (SOAR, Skateboarding, Tutoring Consortium, Parenting Classes & Involvement, Family Fun Nights, Dances, Conflict Resolution Services, Job/Volunteer Development) **This has been done along with other partners in the City where appropriate.**

## **C. New Priorities Selected:**

1. Gang Task Force should actively participate in the youth master planning process and the plan needs to mesh with the strategies of City Council, the School Board and the Youth Master Plan.
2. Increase subcommittee work on ongoing issues to be addressed.